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COMMUNISTS COMSOLIDATE FORCES SEEK TO SPREAD PARATROOPS' REVOLT

SOUTH CHIMA REVOLUTIONARY FORCES MERGE -- Wen-hui Pao, 18 May 49

The EMT Revolutionary Committee and the EMT Association for the Promotion of Domocracy have released a joint statement in regard to armed forces in South China under their leadership. According to the statement, there are many such armed units, known by various names, which individually have been aiding the Liberation Army in areas into which it had not yet advanced. In view of the growth of the Liberation Army, however, and its activities in South China, the two Associations have ducided to incorporate all forces led by their cadres into the Liberat. a Army and have requested the Communist Party to assume direct leadurship of such units in order to ring about greater unity.

Excorporation was begun on 6 April 1949 when Li Chi-shen and Ts-ai T'ingchish, leaders of the two groups, issued separate statements authorizing local units to join the Liberation Army and be redesignated. The joint statement warms that those who do not comply will be considered enemies of the people and will not be recognized by the associations.

PARATROOPERS REVOIT -- Hua Shang Pao, 1 Jun 49

A report from Pei-p'ing reveals that the officers and men of the Third Regiment of Paratroopers, which loined the Communists, have sent a telegram to the First and Second Regiments of Mationalist Paratroopers and the Taiwan Paratrooper Training Section.

The message indicates the deep concern of the senders for the latter's welfare. It cites the selfishness of the Nationalist leaders and raises the question of how anyone can be content to risk his life for such men. It urges the officers and men of the paratrooper organizations still in Mationalist service and training to revolt and come over to the People's Army. Those who are unable to do so immediately are urged to care for their equipment with a view to using it in the cause of the people as soon as they can.

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